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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 658
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the University of Tennessee Associate Athletics Director Mike Hamilton on being named the school's seventh Athletics Director, on May 10, 2003.

WHEREAS, University of Tennessee Athletics Director Doug Dickey is retiring in June of 2003 after a distinguished career covering 18 years as the school's Athletics Director and six years as head football coach; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2003, University of Tennessee President Dr. John Shumaker named Associate Athletics Director Mike Hamilton as Dickey's successor, effective July 1, 2003, and in making the announcement, praised Mr. Hamilton's many personal and professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mike Hamilton, 39 years old, a native of Brevard, North Carolina, and a graduate of Clemson University, has been the Senior Associate Director of Athletics for External Operations since September of 2002, and has been on the University of Tennessee's staff since 1992; and

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WHEREAS, he previously served as UT's Associate Director of Athletics for Development and Marketing, coming to UT from Wake Forest University, where he was the Assistant Director of Development; and

WHEREAS, he was named "National Fundraiser of the Year" in 1998 by the National Association of Athletic Department Directors; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the school, gifts to the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund have increased from \$4 million per year to \$18.8 million in 2001-2002, and total marketing revenues now exceed \$6.8 million annually; and

WHEREAS, Mike Hamilton has identified the "core values" of the UT Athletics Department as complying with NCAA and SEC rules, competing for championships, administering a financially sound operation, graduating student-athletes, and continuing a pattern of service to the community and State, with the Athletic Department serving as a positive role model; and

WHEREAS, Mike Hamilton follows in the distinguished footsteps of Bob Neyland, UT's first Athletics Director, who held the position several times between 1926-1962, when he was not serving in the military; Paul Parker (1935); John Barnhill (1941-1945) who held the position while Bob Neyland was serving in the Canal Zone and in World War II; Bowden Wyatt (acting director from 1962-1963); Bob Woodruff (1963-1985); and Doug Dickey, former head football coach from 1964-1969 who succeeded Bob Woodruff; and

WHEREAS, Mike Hamilton is supported by his wife, Beth, and their children, Madison and Matthew, in his quest to maintain continued excellence within the Athletics Department at UT; and

WHEREAS, Mike Hamilton has brought many accolades and great credit to the Athletics Department and to the University of Tennessee in his 11-year career, and will continue to do so as Athletics Director; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we hereby heartily commend Mike Hamilton on his selection as the
University of Tennessee's Athletics Director and wish him, his wife, Beth, and his children,
Madison and Matthew, continued success and happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.